"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR-1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1725

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE UNITED

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenji MIWA, et al.

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FOR:

METHOD OF REFINEMENT OF MICROSTRUCTURE OF METALLIC MATERIALS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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It is hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to October 13, 2004 for				
	filing a response to the Official Action dated:			
	responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:			
	filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.			
	responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:			
	filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due July 13, 2004 is filed herewith.			
	filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:			
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.			
The required fee of \$980.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				

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